

**SATURDAY MAY 6, 2023**



We are excited to broaden our partnership with Montclair State University including a significant expansion in campus events. In addition to the Saturday sessions below, check out University events held on Thursday May 4 and Friday May 5.

**10:00 – 11:00 am**  
**DEB PERELMAN,**  
*Smitten Kitchen Keepers*

**TICKETED, \$40/65**  
including signed book

NYT bestselling cookbook author **Deb Perelman** and Coccia Institute Director **Mark Rotella** talk all things food and cooking.

Venue: University Hall Conference Center

Buy tickets here [bit.ly/DebPMay6](http://bit.ly/DebPMay6)



**11:15 am – 12:15 pm**  
**NON-FICTION**

**Lisa Belkin, Andy Kroll, Joe Pompeo** and **Katherine Dykstra** discuss America's fascination with true crime.

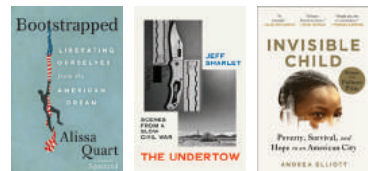
Venue: Student Center Ballroom



**11:15 am – 12:15 pm**  
**NON-FICTION**

Join MSU's Dean **Peter Kingstone** with **Alissa Quart, Andrea Elliott** and **Jeff Sharlet**, as they examine issues of homelessness, income inequality, racism and the rise of fascism in the US.

Venue: Dickson Hall, Room 177



**FREE PARKING/SHUTTLE BUS**

Free parking will be offered in the Red Hawk Parking Deck for all festival attendees on Friday May 5 (Joyce Maynard) and Saturday May 6 (above). In addition a free shuttle bus will be provided to/from the First Congregational Church to MSU on Saturday May 6 at the following times:

To MSU	From MSU
9:40 am	11:20 am
10:55 am	12:30 pm

**TUESDAY MAY 9, 2023**

**7:00 – 8:00 pm**  
**ELIZA REID, *Secrets of the Sprakkar***

Meet Iceland's First Lady, **Eliza Reid**, as she talks with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author **Kate Zernike** (*The Exceptions*) about why Iceland is the best place on earth to be a woman and how they are changing the world.

Venue: The Sanctuary/Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Free, please RSVP here [bit.ly/ElizaMay9](http://bit.ly/ElizaMay9)



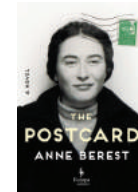
**THURSDAY MAY 11, 2023**

**6:30 – 9:00 pm**  
**ANNE BEREST, *The Postcard***

Join celebrated French author **Anne Berest** for the launch of the English-language publication of her award-winning novel, *The Postcard*. In conversation with books editor **Kate Tuttle**. Co-presented by FIAF, Montclair Library, Watchung Booksellers, and Villa Albertine.

Venue: Montclair Public Library

Buy tickets here [bit.ly/AnneMay11](http://bit.ly/AnneMay11)



**MAY 21 & 22, 2023 WORKSHOPS**

All workshops will take place in person at 11 Pine St, Montclair. **TICKETED, \$35**

**Saturday, May 20**  
**12:00 – 1:30 pm | Drafting a Short Story**

More details, register and pay here [bit.ly/MLFWorkshop6](http://bit.ly/MLFWorkshop6)

**2:00 – 3:30 pm | Self-Publish Like a Pro**

More details, register and pay here [bit.ly/MLFWorkshop5](http://bit.ly/MLFWorkshop5)

**4:00 – 5:30 pm | Introduction to Memoir Writing**

More details, register and pay here [bit.ly/MLFWorkshop2](http://bit.ly/MLFWorkshop2)

**Sunday, May 21**  
**12:00 – 1:30 pm | Fiction Writing 101**

More details, register and pay here [bit.ly/MLFWorkshop1](http://bit.ly/MLFWorkshop1)

**2:00 – 3:30 pm | Audiobook Publishing 101**

More details, register and pay here [bit.ly/MLFWorkshop7](http://bit.ly/MLFWorkshop7)

**4:00 – 5:30 pm | Children's Picture Book Boot Camp**

More details, register and pay here [bit.ly/MLFWorkshop8](http://bit.ly/MLFWorkshop8)

**SUCCEED2GETHER'S**  
**MONTCLAIR LITERARY FESTIVAL**  
*May 3-11, 2023*

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**MORE THAN 40 EVENTS**

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**WEDNESDAY MAY 3, 2023**

**7:00 – 8:30 pm** **TICKETED, \$25**  
**Story Salon: Books That Changed My Life**

Venue: Fletcher Hall/Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Buy tickets here [bit.ly/StorySalonMay3](http://bit.ly/StorySalonMay3)

**THURSDAY MAY 4, 2023**

**Creative Writing Award Readings**

**4:00 – 5:00 pm** **Montclair HS, Glen Ridge HS, Montclair Kimberley Academy**  
Venue: Montclair State University, University Hall, Room #1070

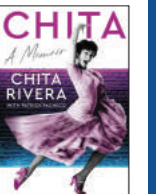
**5:30 – 6:30 pm** **Montclair State University**  
Venue: Montclair State University, University Hall, Room #1020

**7:00 – 8:00 pm** **TICKETED, \$38/55**  
**Chita: A Memoir** including signed book

Broadway legend and national treasure **Chita Rivera** takes us behind the curtain of her career and private life in her long-awaited and entertaining memoir. In conversation with Broadway World's **Richard Ridge**.

Venue: First Congregational Church

Buy tickets here [bit.ly/ChitaMay4](http://bit.ly/ChitaMay4)



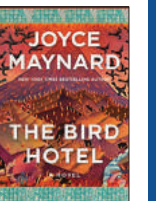
**FRIDAY MAY 5, 2023**

**5:00-6:00 pm**  
**JOYCE MAYNARD, *The Bird Hotel***

Bestselling author **Joyce Maynard** talks about her new novel with author **Alice Elliott Dark**.

Venue: Montclair State University, Sprague Library.

Free, please RSVP here [bit.ly/JoyceMay5](http://bit.ly/JoyceMay5)

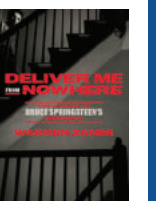


**7:00 – 8:00 pm** **TICKETED, \$45/75**  
**WARREN ZANES, *Finding Nebraska*** including signed book

Author and musician **Warren Zanes** presents a words-and-music show about his love for Springsteen's album *Nebraska*. Guests: Laura Cantrell, James Maddock. House band: David Mansfield, Ray Kubian, Chris Harford. Co-presented by *Outpost in the Burbs*.

Venue: First Congregational Church

Buy tickets here [bit.ly/Nebraska55](http://bit.ly/Nebraska55)



<p><b>MONTCLAIR PUBLIC LIBRARY</b></p> <p><b>10:00 – 10:45 am</b> <b>CHILDREN STORYTELLER</b></p> <p>Montclair Public Library presents storyteller <b>Sabina Wasonga-Gitau</b>, sharing harvest stories and songs from East and West Africa. <i>For all ages.</i></p> 	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH THE SANCTUARY</b></p>	<p><b>10:00 – 11:00 am</b> <b>FICTION</b></p>  <p><b>Matthew Salesses</b> and <b>Jade Song</b> discuss competitive sports, and what happens when you're pushed to the brink with author and moderator <b>Tracy O'Neill</b>. <i>Co-presented by AAPI Coalition of Essex County, NJ.</i></p>	<p><b>11:45 am – 12:45 pm</b> <b>CHILDREN</b></p>  <p>Join us for an hour of fun and laughs as bestselling author and Newbery Medalist <b>Kwame Alexander</b> shares the magic of discovering poetry in the world around us.</p>	<p><b>1:00 – 2:00 pm</b> <b>MEMOIR</b></p>  <p>Pulitzer Prize-winning critic <b>Margo Jefferson</b> in conversation about her Best Book of 2022 memoir about "race, class, and feminism". With NYT's <b>Jazmine Hughes</b>.</p>	<p><b>2:15 – 3:15 pm</b> <b>MEMOIR</b></p>  <p>NPR's <i>All Things Considered</i> and award-winning author <b>Michael Kelly</b> shares insights from her eldest child's final year at home with <i>People's</i> book editor <b>Kate Tuttle</b>.</p>	<p><b>3:30 – 4:30 pm</b> <b>NON-FICTION</b></p>  <p><b>Rabbi Marc Katz</b> with former ambassador <b>Meryl Frank</b> and award-winning author <b>Michael Frank</b> discuss the legacy of the Holocaust and the memories of those lost. <i>Co-presented by Temple Ner Tamid.</i></p>	<p><b>4:45 – 5:45 pm</b> <b>FICTION/NON-FICTION</b></p>  <p>Explore love in whatever form, wherever it is found with fiction authors <b>Helen Elaine Lee</b> and <b>Alice Winn</b>, and memoir writer <b>Amelia Possanza</b>. Moderator: <b>Naomi Extra</b>. <i>Co-presented by Out Montclair.</i></p>	<p><b>6:00 – 7:00 pm</b> <b>PITCHAPALOOZA!</b></p>  <p>American Idol for books! Pitch your book to a publishing panel and the winner receives an intro to an agent or publisher. The Book Doctors, <b>David Henry Sterry</b> and <b>Arielle Eckstut</b>.</p>	<p><b>7:00 – 8:30 pm</b> <b>FESTIVAL PARTY</b> <b>Meet the Authors!</b> Tickets from \$35</p> <p>Join festival authors and supporters to celebrate the seventh annual Montclair Literary Festival and support Succeed2gether's important work to close the education achievement gap.</p> <p><b>Buy tickets here <a href="http://bit.ly/PartyMLF23">bit.ly/PartyMLF23</a></b></p> <p><i>Venue: First Congregational Church</i></p>
<p><b>10:00 – 10:45 am</b> <b>CHILDREN</b></p> <p>Cat wants the perfect art partner but the class is full of dogs! Have your face painted and act out <b>Mary Amato's</b> story. <i>Ages 4-6.</i></p> 	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b></p>	<p><b>9:30 am – 11:30 am</b> <b>POETRY CAFÉ</b></p>  <p>Start the day with coffee, bagels, and poetry! Hosted by <b>Christine Adams</b> and <b>John J. Trause</b>, with <b>Sharon Dennis-Wyeth</b>, <b>Frank Rubino</b>, <b>Tina Kelley</b>, and more.</p>	<p><b>1:00 – 2:00 pm</b> <b>FICTION</b></p>  <p><b>Clare Sestanovich</b> leads a discussion about loss, love, and stress, and the short story form with <b>Andrew Porter</b>, <b>Jai Chakrabarti</b>, and <b>Alejandro Varela</b>.</p>	<p><b>2:15 – 3:15 pm</b> <b>FICTION</b></p>  <p><b>Leslie-Ann Murray</b> talks with <b>Tyriek White</b>, <b>Gina Chung</b>, and <b>Asale Angel-Ajani</b> about the importance of place and how they each developed their distinct voice in three very different debut novels.</p>	<p><b>MONTCLAIR PUBLIC LIBRARY</b></p> <p><b>2:00 – 3:00 pm</b> <b>CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP</b></p>  <p>Let your child find their writing voice! Children's author <b>Mike Allegra</b> encourages silliness with story prompts, team writing, and games. Laughs guaranteed! <i>Ages 8-12.</i></p>	<p><b>3:30 – 4:30 pm</b> <b>FICTION</b></p>  <p><b>Cleyvis Natera</b> introduces powerful new fiction from Puerto Rican authors <b>Claire Jiménez</b>, <b>Melissa Coss Aquino</b> and <b>Jennifer Maritza McCauley</b>. <i>Co-presented by Latinos of Montclair.</i></p>	<p><b>4:45 – 5:45 pm</b> <b>FICTION</b></p>  <p>Juicy beach read or a smart and funny book club pick: <b>Amy Poeppel</b>, <b>Megan Tady</b> and <b>Jenny Jackson</b> discuss their latest novels with author <b>Laurie Albanese</b>.</p>	<p><b>6:00 – 7:00 pm</b> <b>MEMOIR/POETRY</b></p>  <p>Explore the themes of identity and belonging with award-winning storytellers and poets <b>Deborah D.E.E.P. Mouton</b>, <b>José Olivarez</b> and <b>Rio Cortez</b>. Moderator: <b>Keisha-Gaye Anderson</b></p>	<p><b>SUNDAY MAY 7, 2023</b></p> <p><i>Events will take place at Unitarian Universalist Congregation</i></p> <p><b>2:00 – 3:00 pm</b> <b>NON-FICTION</b></p> <p>Bloomberg News sustainability editor <b>Erin Roston</b> and climate journalist <b>Jake Bittle</b> discuss the untold story of climate migration and the implications for the future if we do not act now. <i>Co-presented by Bluewave NJ.</i></p> 
<p><b>11:00 – 11:45 am</b> <b>CHILDREN</b></p> <p><b>Tracey Baptiste</b> shares her new heartwarming picture book about friendship between a mermaid and a pirate. Followed by a rhyming game. <i>Ages 3-7.</i></p> 	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b></p>	<p><b>10:00 – 11:00 am</b> <b>FICTION</b></p>  <p><b>Laura Spence-Ash</b>, <b>Eliza Minot</b> and <b>Alice Elliott Dark</b> explore identity and relationships, the families we are born to and those we create. <i>Co-presented by MPL/Open Book Open Mind.</i></p>	<p><b>11:30 am – 12:30 pm</b> <b>NON-FICTION</b></p>  <p><b>Brooke Kroeger</b>, <b>Kate Zernike</b>, <b>Regan Penaluna</b> and <b>Gabrielle Glaser</b> examine the extraordinary women that helped change the treatment of women in journalism, science and academia, and the discrimination that persists.</p>	<p><b>1:00 – 2:00 pm</b> <b>CHILDREN</b></p>  <p><b>Soman Chainani</b> shares the final chapter that began with <i>Rise of The School For Good And Evil</i> — which of the twin School Masters will prevail? And what will become of the school and its students? <i>Ages 8+.</i></p>	<p><b>2:15 – 3:15 pm</b> <b>FICTION/NON-FICTION</b></p>  <p>Author and translator <b>Alexis Romay</b> explores the many sides of the immigration issue with fiction writers <b>Marina Budhos</b> and <b>Anne Burt</b>, and historian <b>Carly Goodman</b>. <i>Co-presented by B'nai Keshet synagogue.</i></p>	<p><b>3:30 – 4:30 pm</b> <b>FICTION</b></p>  <p>Bestselling author <b>Mary Beth Keane</b> discusses her new novel, exploring a marriage in crisis and what it takes to make a life with another person. With author <b>Matthew Thomas</b>.</p>	<p><b>4:45 – 5:45 pm</b> <b>MEMOIR</b></p>  <p><b>Dionne Ford</b> and <b>Benilde Little</b> dive into Dionne's memoir of enslaved ancestors and reclaiming her power. <i>Co-presented by MPL/Open Book Open Mind.</i></p>	<p><b>2:15 – 3:15 pm</b> <b>NON-FICTION</b></p>  <p><b>Neil Baldwin</b>, <b>D.T. Max</b>, <b>Aidan Levy</b> and <b>Amanda Vaill</b> delve into the lives of pioneering artists (<b>Graham</b>, <b>Rollins</b>, and <b>Sondheim</b>) whose work transformed dance, jazz and musical theater.</p>	<p><b>3:30 – 5:00 pm</b> <b>BANNED BOOKS</b></p> <p>Join us for a community discussion about the recent and growing attacks on the freedom to read, the dangers it signals, and what we can do to fight back. Panel includes: <b>William Johnson</b> (PEN America), <b>Amol Sinha</b> (ACLU), <b>Diane Wachtel</b> (New Press), <b>Skip Dye</b> (ALA); <b>Jake Silverstein</b> (1619 Project; <i>New York Times Magazine</i>), and <b>Dr Michael Gillespie</b> (author). <i>Co-presented by Out Montclair and Montclair NAACP.</i></p>
<p><b>1:00 – 1:45 pm</b> <b>CHILDREN</b></p> <p>Get ready to dance and rhyme with author <b>Alliah L. Agostini</b> as she celebrates <i>Big Tune</i>. <i>Ages 3-6.</i></p> 	<p><b>MONTCLAIR PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM</b></p>								